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TO AMEMBASSY MANAMA NIACT IMMEDIATE

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, BA, US

SUBJECT: MIDEASTFOR STATUS

REFS.: MANAMA 737, 738, AND 781

1. WE HAVE UNDER INTENSIVE REVIEW MATTER OF YOUR RESPONSE TO FONMIN'S APPROACH TO YOU ON MIDEASTFOR. WE ARE NOT YET PREPARED TO RESPOND IN SUBSTANCE AND WISH YOU TO KEEP MATTER OPEN FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AFTER FOREIGN MINISTER'S RETURN FROM JIDDA CONFERENCE.

2. AT YOUR JULY 9 MEETING, YOU SHOULD INFORM SHAIKH MOHAMMAD THAT WE HAVE HIS LATEST MESSAGE TO YOU UNDER INTENSIVE STUDY HERE. IT IS OUR VERY FIRM INTENTION TO WORK OUT AN ARRANGEMENT WHICH MEETS THE NEEDS OF BOTH OUR GOVERNMENTS AND PROMOTES THE MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE RELATIONS

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BETWEEN US WHICH BOTH OF US VALUE HIGHLY. YOU SHOULD ADD

THAT YOU HOPE TO BE ABLE TO DISCUSS MATTER IN FURTHER DETAIL WITH HIM FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN JIDDA. MEANWHILE, YOU SHOULD SAY IT IS OUR STRONG HOPE THAT, SHOULD SUBJECT ARISE IN HIS CONVERSATIONS IN JIDDA, HE WILL AVOID IRREVOCABLE COMMITMENTS REGARDING SPECIFIC FUTURE OF MIDEASTFOR.

3. BEGIN FYI: WE SEE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR SUGGESTION THAT EXCHANGE OF NOTES BE DATED MARCH 31 (MANAMA 781). FOR EXAMPLE, CASE ACT REQUIRES TRANSMITTAL WITHIN 60 DAYS OF CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT. WE ARE PRESENTLY INCLINED TO BELIEVE MATTER COULD BE HANDLED IF GOB FOLLOWS A LETTER OF REASSURANCES FROM YOU WITH UNILATERAL LETTER (MUTUALLY AGREED TO) REGARDING EVENTUAL TERMINATION OF MIDEASTFOR PRESENCE, SHOULD RPT SHOULD THAT COURSE BE AGREED UPON. END FYI. KISSINGER

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